

Head Start Heals: Rebuilding Hope

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Rubén: [In Spanish] The town of San Sebastián is located in western Puerto Rico. It's a town with a population of about 35,000 to 40,000 people. We currently have 104 families and we serve 104.

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All of Puerto Rico was completely calm, especially our town. After all this happened, and we could go outside, we saw massive destruction. It was total destruction. I thought about how we could reach out to the families. It was very hard to do. Very hard.

Lizmarie: So we prepared equal packages boxes of water, there were also basic-need items and food, like rice and beans. And then our staff distributed the supplies to each home in the community.

Rubén: And we opened up the center for the children. We had lights, electrical service, thanks to the electric generator. Families could charge their cellphones. My center has a washing machine, dryer, fridges we had our kitchen open to store things. So we could bring peace of mind to those families, at least for a little while.

Lizmarie: So they understood the program isn't just about education, it also promotes family well-being.

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